

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TANAKA, Masatoshi Conf.:

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

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For: METHOD OF MAKING PNEUMATIC TIRE WITH TREAD
BELT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 26, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of parallel band cords traverse the cylindrical drum along the axis of the drum, and the traversing speed is

continuously changed, while rotating the drum at a constant speed, whereby the average density is gradually increased.

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein said plurality of parallel band cords traverse the cylindrical drum along the axis of the drum, and the traversing speed is continuously changed, while rotating the drum at a constant speed, whereby the average density is gradually increased.